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Two very large bags of toys were a welcomed surprise for the two Marines manning the recruiting station in Bellevue this Christmas

Season.  
response from our Cadets in particular, they really seemed to enjoy bringing toys for others during the holiday season, said 1Lt Barb Jensen.

Season.

"We appreciate it Sir and the kids will appreciate it even more" was their simple response.

The gifts were a result of Northshore Squadron's decision to use the 2005 annual Squadron Christmas Party as a fund raiser for less fortunate kids in the community.

Each Cadet and Sr Member who attended the party had to bring an unwrapped toy with them in order to gain entry.

"It was great to see the



Marines posing with toys that were donated to Toys for Tots by the Northshore Squadron

The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, through a shiny new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to needy youngsters that will motivate them to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders.

It was clear that our donation helped the Marines achieve this goal.



Start planning for what toy you will bring to next year's Christmas party!

## National Cadet Officer School at AFA

Things to look for in the next issue of CAPtions

- \* 2006 Cadet Competition Results
- \* 2006 Spring Conference Update
- \* ES Update, we have a find!

This past June (2005), Cadet Commander Daniel Rice was selected from many applicants to attend the National Cadet Office School (COS). This is held during the summer at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO.

Patterned after the USAF Squadron Officer School, COS is an extremely challenging course for cadets over 16 years of age. COS involves study of leadership skills. The course is divided between lecture, seminar, and hands-on training.

Instructors guide cadets through the Air Force approach to

the psychology of leadership, problem solving techniques, effective writing, effective speaking, and group dynamics.

Top military and industry leaders also come and speak about their experiences with the cadets. Topics include human relations, critical thinking, leadership and national security issues. We are very proud that Commander Rice was selected for this prestigious event.



Cadet Chapel on AFA Campus

For more information on how to be selected in future years, talk with your Cadet Commander.

## Color Guard Presents at local High School Homecoming Game

An all-star CAP Color Guard team including two Northshore cadets, presented the colors at The Bear Creek High School's Homecoming Basketball game in January. The gymnasium was electric in anticipation of a big game and the stands were full and very loud.

When Cadet Jensen called the command, "Atten-Hut", the gym immediately fell silent and all eyes were trained on our team.

As the Team moved toward center court, the PA Announced read a pre-prepared script provided by our PAO giving a back-

ground of CAP, the accomplishments of our Color Guard and listing each member by name.

A Student Athlete sang the national Anthem and did a wonderful job.

After the Color Guard completed their duties, many parents and school Administrators complimented our team on their professionalism and thanked them for their service to our country.

The two Northshore cadets on the team were c/2Lt Simon Briant and Color Guard Commander, c/2Lt Tyler Jensen.



NS Color Guard presenting the flag at The Bear Creek School's Homecoming



## American Legion Post #127 Funds NS Color Guard Team



In an effort to support our squadron's Color Guard Team for 2006, Cadets and Sr. Members embarked on what amounted to a barnstorming tour of American Legion Posts in Washington state asking and receiving financial support.

The American Legion in some ways is similar to CAP, being chartered by Congress as a patriotic organization. Today, the Legion touts a membership of nearly 3 million in roughly 15,000 Posts worldwide. Each Post serves as the community service outlet of the American Legion and is charged with among other duties, successfully carrying out selfless acts of service.

One Post in particular has taken heed of this charge in a big way and essentially adopted our 2006 Color Guard team as their own.

After just the first presentation in Bothell, the team received a check for more than \$600.00 and more is expected. Cadets and Sr. Members also attended and spoke at the Legion's District meeting and received additional support. This funding allowed us to purchase new uniforms for the entire Color Guard team. New uniforms are critical in competition, especially during the

"Inspection" stage of the event.

"Words can't express how much we appreciate this act of kindness and support from Post #127, said Capt Barbara Jensen, the team's Senior Escort. "The uniforms and shoes mean a lot to these Ca-



Cadet's Jensen, Briant and SM Jensen speak to the members of American Legion Post #127

*If you are interested in the American Legion, go to the following websites to learn more.*

American Legion National HQ  
<http://www.legion.org/>

American Legion Post #127  
<http://www.legion127.org/>  
19213 Bothell Way Ne  
Bothell, WA 98011

dets and will help them immensely during our competition in March".

As a show of gratitude for their donation, our Color Guard has presented the colors at a number of Post 127's events and will continue to do so throughout 2006.

SM Donna Blades and her mother were particularly helpful in making this opportunity possible, thanks Donna!

**We salute Post #127 and will do our best to make them proud during the upcoming Wing competition.**